



# Big Bone Lick State Historic Site

## August 4-7, 2016

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**Welcome to Big Bone Lick State Historic Site!** The park's Program Services staff provides safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences for all park visitors. Our goal is to enhance the visitor experience by sharing the park's unique prehistory, interpreting its natural resources, and providing a variety of purely recreational offerings.

All activities are FREE unless otherwise noted (\$).

Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all activities.

A minimum of 3 participants are required per program.

### Staff Listing:

**Parks Program Services Supervisor:** Ossana Wolff

**Interpretive Staff:** Claire Kolkmeyer

*The Recreation Shelter is located in the Campground. All Programs open to the public unless noted.*

**\*ALL TIMES ARE Eastern Standard (EST)\***

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### Thursday, August 4

**1:00 P.M.**    **Meet the Big Bone Bison:** Did you know that Big Bone is home to live American Bison? They are our living link to the Ice Age, 10,000 years ago! Come learn about bison then and now, and get to know the Big Bone bison herd. This program includes a short hike (0.25 miles) to the bison area.

**Location:** Visitor Center/Museum

**Approx Time:** 30 Minutes    **Ages:** All Ages

**3:00 P.M.**    **Build-the-Herd:** Now you can become an American bison! At this fun craft you can create a custom bison headband to take with you. We will also talk about the many uses of bison by Native Americans, early settlers and pioneers.

**Location:** Recreation Shelter

**Approx Time:** 45 Minutes    **Ages:** All Ages

## **Friday, August 5**

**11:00 A.M.**    **Make-and-Take Sand Art Bottles (\$):** The bedrock under our feet at Big Bone is made up of layers and layers of different sediments laid down 450 million years ago. In this craft you can make your own layers with sand. Join Interpretive Staff to make your very own colorful sand art in bottle!

**Location:** Recreation Shelter

**Approx Time:** 30 Minutes      **Ages:** All Ages      **Fee:** \$3.00 per bottle

**1:00 P.M.**    **Make-and-Take FlutterFlies:** Whether it is a butterfly, dragonfly or a damselfly it definitely flutters and brings a smile to our faces. This fun craft uses simple supplies to make a clothes pin butterfly and dragon- (or damsel-) fly for you to take home and enjoy.

**Location:** Recreation Shelter

**Approx Time:** 45 minutes    **Ages:** All Ages

**3:00 P.M.**    **Big Bone Beginnings:** Ever wonder what is so special about Big Bone Lick? Or why it has such a funny name? This program will answer all those questions and more. The program begins with a discussion of the natural and geologic history of Big Bone Lick followed by a guided tour of the exhibits, including the diorama pit, and concludes with a short walk to the main salt-sulfur spring on the park. The Park Interpreter will be available after the program to answer any additional questions.

**Location:** Visitors Center/ Museum

**Approx Time:** 45 Minutes    **Ages:** All Ages

## **Saturday, August 6**

**9:30 A.M.**    **The Salt of Life:** Salt is an essential nutrient for humans and animals. Big Bone Lick has always been a place where animals and people have come to get salt. From the time of the mastodons and mammoths during the last Ice Age to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century salt has played a big role in the story of Big Bone Lick. During this program we will explore salt the nutrient, how salt springs are formed and the history of salt at the park in the last 300 years. This program will involve a short hike (0.5 miles) along one of our trails and the chance to experience an active salt spring.

**Location:** Visitor Center/Museum

**Approx Time:** 45 Minutes    **Ages:** All Ages

**11:00 A.M.**    **Tobacco Walking Sticks (\$):** Come decorate your own piece of Kentucky heritage, the tobacco stick. These sticks were used to hang and dry tobacco on farms all over Kentucky. Today they make awesome walking sticks! You can paint, wood burn and feather your own special tobacco stick.

**Location:** Recreation Shelter

**Approx Time:** 1 Hour      **Ages:** All Ages      **Fee:** \$5 per walking stick

- 1:00 P.M.**    **Fossil Hunter:** This area is known for being the birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology but it is also a premier Ordovician fossil location. This program will uncover the story of the park's Ordovician fossils. We will talk about how this area became a premier fossil site, how the ancient invertebrates that lived here became fossils, and most importantly hone our fossil hunting skills. Participants will have the opportunity to handle and identify fossils found on the park.  
**Location:** Visitor Center/Museum  
**Approx Time:** 45 Minutes    **Ages:** All Ages
- 3:00 P.M.**    **Make-and-Take Birdfeeders:** At this fun craft session you will build your very own custom bird feeder and learn about the most common summer birds of Big Bone Lick.  
**Location:** Recreation Shelter  
**Approx Time:** 45 minutes    **Ages:** All Ages

**Sunday, August 7**

- 10:30 A.M.**    **Make-and-Take Nature Print Pictures:** This cool paper creates pictures with just sun light and water. Join the Park Interpreter as we search for interesting objects to "photograph". Each participant will create a picture and take it home to put on the fridge.  
**Location:** Recreation Shelter (Campground)  
**Approx Time:** 30 Minutes    **Ages:** All Ages  
**\*Note:** this program requires sunlight, or at least no rain

***Pool Hours***  
***Campground Guests Only***  
  
***10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.***

***Gift Shop***  
  
Check out our gift shop to buy  
T-shirts, pottery, toys, specialty  
candies, and KY Handcrafted  
products.

***Upcoming Special Programs***

***AUGUST 12, 2016***

***Tour the Stars***

Have you ever wondered what the galaxies actually look like from earth? What about the distant stars you can't see with the naked eye? Join Big Bone Lick staff with Dr. Bresser & Dr. Vogler from Northern Kentucky University for a tour of the stars.

***9:30 P.M. to about 11 P.M.***

***Meet us at the Campground Store***